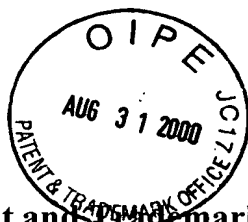


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

To:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant encloses the references set forth in the attached modified form PTO/SB/O8A. No inference should be made that the cited references are in fact material, are in fact prior art, or that no better art exists. The cited patents are listed in numerical order and not in any order based on their pertinence.

It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the cited references and that they be cited on the front of any patent issuing from this application.

Copies of the cited references are attached.

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Statement of Relevance of Foreign Patent Document:

German patent application No 19620597A1 –

A punching machine comprising two cooperating tool components (22, 23), by which the one component (22) is arranged fixed at the hub unit (12) and operates in each punch hub, while the other component (20) can be retracted with gradient and control means (30) so that it does not punch the material (4) in the working hub. In this way, in one and the same functioning station (1), different processing patterns can be produced without changing the register of the material (4).

German patent No 203903 –

Holding device stop for punching machines and similar tool machines, consisting of a revolving, vertically adjustable-around-its-axis holding cylinder, characterized in that the holding cylinder (c) is comprised in its upper part of a tooth post with circumferential teeth, in which one or several vertically turning gears (d1, d2) engage.

Swiss patent No 246681 –

A punching machine for the punching of holes and cutting off of corners, characterized in that a punch body and a middle, stationary support and two external supports are arranged next to one another, which are arranged as supports for the reception of hole punch, whereby both external positively actuated supports are adjustable simultaneous and symmetrical to the middle support, and a knife for the cutting off of corners is disposed in the middle support. The middle hole punch 1 and both external hole punches are urged together and are held by means of screws.

European patent No 0 603 127 –

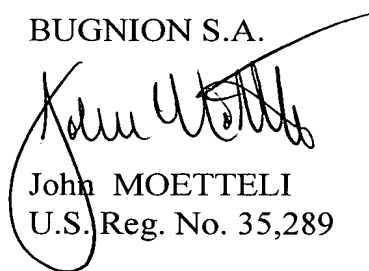
This patent is cited in the specification. An English translation thereof is enclosed.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has further questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at phone 011-4122-346-8744 or fax at 011-4122-346-8960.

Respectfully submitted,

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